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RADIAL PROJECTION

Examiner: Vinh Luong

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

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Commissioner:

The reference cited on the attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of JP 63-133488 U is submitted herewith. The reference was cited by the examiner in the Japanese Patent Office during prosecution of the Japanese patent application which corresponds to the parent of this application, US 6,755,095.

JP 63-133488 U shows a crank axle with a projecting flange (22) axially inwardly of a crank arm (29).

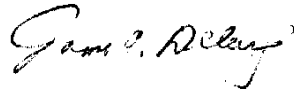
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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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